# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:246
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
CLOSURE OF SSI DUE TO WTO TREATY
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:**

(a) whether many Small Scale Industries have closed down during the last one year due to liberal imports from China as a result of WTO treaty;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the impact of this treaty on Indian SSI sector; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government to revive the closed small scale industrial units?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PEN AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT ATTACHED TO REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 246 FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2001

Though China is still not a member of the WTO, it enjoys the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status given to it, on the basis of a reciprocal arrangement. Trade data reveal that while imports from China during the last three years have grown at an average rate of around 20%, exports from India to China during the same period have witnessed an average growth rate of 46%. The Government is fully aware of the WTO environment and is taking appropriate measures for preparing the SSI Sector to meet the challenges of liberalisation and globalisation. Data regarding closed units is not maintained centrally.